

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Chesser, et al.

Serial No.: 08/869,109

Filed: June 4, 1997

For: Controlled Hydration of Starch  
in High Density Brine Dispersion



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

This paper is filed to to add a dependent claim which inadvertently was omitted from the application.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please insert the following new claim:

-- ~~28~~<sup>27</sup> The method of claim 18 wherein said water-soluble polymer comprises starch.

**REMARKS**

Applicants note that the claim numbering in the present application is incorrect because claim 14 inadvertently was omitted. In spite of the omission, the claim dependency is correct. Applicants hereby are adding a dependent claim which was inadvertently omitted. Because the filing fee for the application was based on 27 claims (rather than 26, based on omitted claim 14), no new fees should

be due. If Applicant's calculations are incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (154-9245).

Respectfully submitted,



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